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SUBJECT: THE SOVIETS AND THE MILITARY

REF: A. MANILA 7189; B. MOSCOW 6800

FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

1. IN VIEW OF YOUR DIALOGUE WITH MARCOS ON SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARD THE MILITARY, YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE FACT THAT RECENT SOVIET THEORETICAL ARTICLES, DRAWING FROM THE CHILEAN AND PORTUGUESE EXAMPLES, HAVE CUSTOMARILY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MILITARY AS A POTENTIALLY PROGRESSIVE FACTOR IN SOCIETY.

2. A CASE IN POINT IS AN ARTICLE IN THE HIGHLY AUTHORITATIVE

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SOVIET PARTY JOURNAL KOMMUNIST (NO. 6, 1975) BY T. TIMOFEYEV

ON THE SUBJECT OF PROBLEMS IN THE CAPITALIST WORLD AND THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COMMUNIST ADVANCES. THE AUTHOR CITES PORTUGAL AND PERU IN SAYING THAT A COMMON RELATIONSHIP EXISTS BETWEEN THE "PROLETARIAN AVANT-GRADE" AND THE ARMED FORCES. HE CONTINUES THAT THE MILITARY CAN BE A MIRROR OF SOCIETY AND "SOONER OR LATER SOCIAL-POLITICAL MOVEMENTS WILL BE EXPRESSED IN THE ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOR OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF MILITARY MEN." HE NOTES THAT THE MILITARY OFTEN LOSES ITS ELITIST CHARACTER THROUGH THE INFUSION OF WORKERS AND PEOPLE FROM THE URBAN AND RURAL MIDDLE CLASSES.

3. TIMOFEYEV THEN COMES TO THE POINT: "THERE IS NOT AND CANNOT BE AN ARMY OUTSIDE POLITICS." HE CITES THE CHILEAN AND PERUVIAN EXAMPLES BUT NOT IN DETAIL (OTHER SOVIET COMMENTATORS HAVE BLAMED ALLENDE'S FALL ON HIS FAILURE TO SWUARE OR STIFLE THE MILITARY). TIMOFEYEV ENDS ON THE FOLLOWING NOTE: "PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING COMMUNISTS, SEE IN A STABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH PROGRESSIVE MILITARY MEN A GUARANTEE OF THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF AN ANTIFASCIST, ALL-DEMOCRATIC STRUGGLE AND OF THE TIMELY REALIZATION OF THE GROWING TRANSORMATIONS IN SOCIETY."

4. WE THUS THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE OF DIRECT INTEREST TO YOU, AND PERHAPS TO AMBASSADOR NEWSOM AND OTHERS AS WELL, THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOW QUITE EXPLICIT IN STATING IN VARIOUS IDEOLOGICAL ARTICLES THAT THE MILITARY IN DEVELOPING AREAS CAN BE A REVOLUTIONARY FORCE AND ONE WORTH CULTIVATING. BREMENT

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